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HOUSE BILL 229

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR VARIOUS
HEALTH-RELATED PROGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Two million nine hundred forty-six thousand
dollars (\$2,946,000) is appropriated from the general fund for
expenditure in fiscal year 2010 to fund various health-related
services as follows:

- (1) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the
department of information technology for the required matching
funds for a federal communications commission allocation to New
Mexico of eleven million three hundred thousand dollars
(\$11,300,000) to be administered in collaboration with the
university of New Mexico center for telehealth to design,
create and implement a rural health telemedicine network

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1 throughout New Mexico;

2 (2) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
3 (\$150,000) to the department of health to contract with a
4 nonprofit organization to continue implementation of a health
5 information exchange collaborative network to serve rural and
6 underserved communities in New Mexico and to enhance the
7 capacity of existing telehealth services;

8 (3) seven hundred fifty thousand dollars
9 (\$750,000) to the children, youth and families department to
10 expand the home visiting program; and

11 (4) forty-six thousand dollars (\$46,000) to
12 the birthing workforce retention fund to provide malpractice
13 insurance premium assistance for certified nurse-midwives or
14 physicians whose insurance premium costs jeopardize their
15 ability to continue their obstetric practices in New Mexico.

16 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
17 at the end of fiscal year 2010 shall revert to the general
18 fund.